

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (New) A method for an animal breeder to register an animal with a management organization, which method enables individual identification of an animal by an identifier printed or recorded in some form or another with an animal registration number belonging to the management organization, said method comprising

obtaining an identifier from a management organization that includes an animal registration number,

reporting the animal registration number included in the identifier to the management organization together with individual information unique to the animal to be registered,

registering the reported animal registration number and the individual information in a database of the management organization, and

issuing an animal registration certificate by the management organization to the animal breeder that links the animal registration number and the individual information.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said animal registration number is reported on an animal registration application form attached to said identifier, said animal registration application form being provided with a section for providing the individual information of the animal to be registered, and said management organization storing the attached materials including the individual information of the animal which has been sent to it.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said individual information is hair of the animal.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said individual information is a scraping of mucous membrane taken from the animal.

17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said individual information is blood, a body fluid, or other biological specimen.

18. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said animal registration number is reported with an image data of individual information unique to the animal, the animal breeder reporting to the management organization by data communication or by sending a medium containing said data, and said management organization registering the data of said reported animal registration number and individual information in its database.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of the pattern of spots of the body of the animal.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the image data of said individual information is a nose print of the animal.

21. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of whorls of hair of the face part and torso of the animal.

22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of an iris of an eye of the animal.

23. (New) The method of claim 14 or claim 18, wherein identification is requested of the person obtaining the individual information unique to said animal.

24. (New) An animal registration management system for registering an animal with a management organization, which system enables individual identification of an animal by an identifier printed or recorded in some form or another with an animal registration number belonging to the management organization, said system comprising

- means for an animal breeder to obtain an identifier from a management organization that includes an animal identification number,
- means for reporting the animal registration number included in the identifier to the management organization together with individual information unique to the animal to be registered,
- means for registering the reported animal registration number and the individual information in a database of the management organization, and
- means for issuing an animal registration certificate by the management organization that links the animal registration number and the individual information.

25. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 24, wherein said means for reporting is an animal registration application form attached to said identifier, said animal registration application form being provided with a section for providing the individual information of the animal to be registered, and means for the management organization to store the attached materials including the individual information of the animal which has been sent to it.

26. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 25, wherein said individual information is hair of the animal.

27. New) The animal registration management system of claim 25, wherein said individual information is a scraping of mucous membrane taken from the animal.

28. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 25, wherein said individual information is blood, a body fluid, or other biological specimen.

29. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 24, wherein said means for reporting reports the animal registration number included in said identifier and image data of individual information unique to the animal, the means reporting to the management organization by data communication or by sending a medium containing said data, and said means for registering registers the data of said reported animal registration number and individual information in the database.

30. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 29, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of the pattern of spots of the body of the animal.

31. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 29, wherein the image data of said individual information is a nose print of the animal.

32. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 29, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of whorls of hair of the face part and torso of the animal.

33. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 29, wherein the image data of said individual information is an image of an iris of an eye of the animal.

34. (New) The animal registration management system of claim 25 or claim 29, wherein the means for reporting requests identification of the person obtaining the individual information unique to said animal.